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BARTON-UPON-HUMBER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

1954.



TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BARTON-UPON-HUMBER.

Gentlemen,

I present for your information my Annual Report for 1954.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

The area of Barton-upon-Humber is :-

6,343 acres of land and inland waters.

838 acres of tidal waters.

The population is 6,370.

There are 2,210 inhabited houses in the town.

The rateable value of the district is £29,167.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Infantile Births and Deaths.

	<u>Legitimate.</u>			<u>Illegitimate.</u>			<u>Combined Total.</u>
	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	
Live Births.	43	55	98	1	5	6	104
Still Births.	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
<u>Infants Deaths.</u>							
(a) 0-4 weeks.	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
(b) Under 1 year.	2	3	5	-	-	-	5

Deaths.

<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
48	49	97

Birth and Death Rates.

	<u>Barton-upon- Humber U.D.</u>		<u>England and Wales.</u>
Crude Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population	16.3	)	15.2
Corrected Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population.	16.78	)	24.0
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total births.	9.5		
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population.	15.2	)	11.3
Corrected Death Rate per 1,000 population.	13.52)	

*NOTE. The corrected Birth and Death Rates are obtained by multiplying the Crude Rates by the factors 1.03 and 0.89 respectively. These factors are supplied by the Registrar General and serve to make the Crude Rates for the District comparable with the Rates for the country as a whole, or with the Rates for any other area, whose Rates have been similarly modified.

Causes of Death.

							<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	...	...			1	-
*Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach.	...	...	...	...			-	2
" " Lung, Bronchus	...	...	...	...			1	-
" " Breast	...	...	...	...			-	4
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	...	...	...	...			4	3
Vascular lesions of Nervous System	...	...	...	...			5	6
Coronary Disease, Angina	...	...	...	...			6	3
Hypertension with Heart Disease	...	...	...	...			1	-
Other Heart Disease	...	...	...	...			10	15
Other Circulatory Disease.	...	...	...	...			-	2
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	5
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System.	...	...	...	...			1	-
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum .	...	...	...	...			2	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis.	...	...	...	...			3	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	...	...	...	...			2	-
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	...	...	...	...			-	2
Congenital Malformations	...	...	...	...			2	-
Other defined and ill-defined Diseases	...	...	...	...			4	3
Accidents other than Motor Vehicle	...	...	...	...			2	1
Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Total							48	49

*Neoplasm equals Cancer.

Notifiable Diseases.

The following infectious diseases have been notified to me during the year.

Whooping Cough.	5
Measles.	2
Pneumonia.	3
Tuberculosis - Pulmonary.	1
Sonne Dysentery.	27

Health Services.

The Lindsey County Council has a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, a School Clinic and a Tuberculosis Clinic at its premises at No. 50, Holydyke.

Maternity Homes are provided by the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board at Scunthorpe and Cleethorpes.

An ambulance operated by the County Council is stationed at the County Fire Station, Holydyke, and is available for the residents of Barton and the surrounding district.

Accommodation for Infectious Diseases is provided by the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board at Brumby and elsewhere.

Pathological and bacteriological examinations are carried out at Lincoln by the Public Health Laboratory Service.

Water Supply.

The mains water supply has been of good bacteriological quality. Four samples have been taken during the year and all have been reported to be satisfactory. In addition regular samples are taken both of the raw and treated water by the bulk suppliers, the North Lindsey Water Board.

The number of houses connected to the main supply is steadily increasing.

Sanitary Administration.

The report of the Sanitary Inspector is incorporated with this report.

I have the honour to be Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

F.P.H. BIRTWHISTLE,

Barton-upon-Humber.

Medical Officer of Health.

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Annual Report of Sanitary Inspector, 1954.

The following report is limited in scope as Mr. Brocklebank left the Council's service early in 1955 before its preparation. Comments on the various aspects of the Sanitary Inspector's work have been omitted.

1. HOUSING.

The statistical details relating to dwellinghouses are as follows:-

Total number of New Houses erected during the year	.. .. .	48
1. By the Local Authority	.. .. .	42
2. By other Local Authorities	.. .. .	-
3. By other bodies or persons	.. .. .	6

Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year.

1. (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	.. .. .	151
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	.. .. .	374
2. (a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under Sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regs. 1925.	.. .. .	20
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	.. .. .	21
3. Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	.. .. .	12
4. Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	.. .. .	146

Remedy of Defects during the year without the service of Formal Notice.

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	98
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Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

(a) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts :

1. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	.. .. .	18
2. Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices:		
(a) By owners	.. .. .	16
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	.. .. .	6

Housing Contd.

(b) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act 1936 and Section 10 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953. . . . .	..
1. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	1
2. Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	1
3. Number of dwellinghouses subject to undertakings or Closing Orders	5

Housing Act 1949. Improvement Grants.

Twelve applications for improvement grants were received during the year, and up to the 31st December eight of these had been approved.

2. FOOD INSPECTION AND FOOD PREMISES.

In Ministry of Health Circular 1/54 a request was made that the Health Department includes a detailed report on food premises in the district.

<u>Type of Business.</u>	<u>Total No.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Grocery and Provision Shops.	32	
Ice Cream Vendors.	16	Registered under Section 14 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1938.
Butcher's Shops.	8	Registered under Section 14 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1938.
Fishmongers.	7	These include fried and wet fish shops.
Bakehouses.	3	
Cafes.	4	
Licensed Premises.	15	
Sweet Shops, Chemists, etc.	22	

Twenty-five inspections were made of premises registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

3. ICE CREAM.

There is one manufacturer of ice cream in the district. Fifteen other retailers of ice cream all sell wrapped nationally known brands and are equipped with refrigerators. Three samples were taken during the year and all were placed in Grade 1.

4. MILK SUPPLIES.

No significant change has taken place with regard to the local milk supplies during the year, except for an increase in the number of retailers of sterilised milk. There are twenty-five milk retailers, one of whom sells raw unde signated milk, three sell pasteurised milk, and the remaining twenty-one sell sterilised milk.

Eight samples of designated milks were taken and all complied with the requirements of the Regulations.

5. MEAT INSPECTION.

The Minister of Food decontrolled meat and livestock at the end of June, 1954, one result being that Local Authorities, subject to certain restrictions had the power to grant licences in respect of slaughterhouses. Three licences were granted by the Council.

The following table gives details of meat inspection work carried out during 1954.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.
Number Killed.	659	61	65	2117	1435
Number Inspected.	659	61	65	2117	1435
All diseases except Tuberculosis :-					
Whole carcasses condemned.	6	10	6	30	15
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	131	15	1	66	121
Percentage of Number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	21%	41%	1%	5%	9%
Tuberculosis only :-					
Whole carcasses condemned	2	3	2	-	1
Carcase of which part or organ was condemned.	49	13	-	-	21
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	8%	26%	3%	-	2%

It is very satisfactory to note that all the animals slaughtered in the town have been inspected.

6. WATER SUPPLY.

Further extensions of the water mains, together with new connections following closet conversions has brought the percentage of houses with a Piped water supply in the district up to 93%, 68% have an internal supply and 25% an external supply. Most of the houses without a piped supply are outlying on the edge of the district where it is not practicable to carry a mains supply. These houses are dependant upon bores and wells.

Four samples from the public supply were taken and sent for bacteriological examination. All proved to be satisfactory.

7. GENERAL SANITATION.

Nuisances.

Total number of nuisances during the year :-

- | | |
|--|----|
| (1) Abated as result of informal action by Sanitary Inspector .. | 30 |
| (2) Reported to Council - Statutory Notice issued | - |

Details of Nuisances abated.

	After Informal Intimation.	After Statutory Notice.
Smoke	2	-
Accumulation of Refuse	2	-
Dampness	2	-
Drainage	19	-
Fowls, Pigs and other animals.	3	-

Drainage.

Drains examined, tested, exposed etc.	5
Drains unstopped, repaired, etc.	19

Sanitary Accommodation.

Number of houses with pail closets in collection area ..	342
Number of pail closets repaired.	23
Number of water closets substituted for pail closets. ..	60
Number of houses with water closets in the district. ..	1753

The number of closet conversions carried out was less than the total for 1953, and this was partly due to a shortage of sanitary ware during the latter months of 1954.

8. RODENT CONTROL.

The number of premises treated for rats is shown below :-

Dwellinghouses	68
Other premises	7

The usual baiting of sewers was carried out twice during the year in Spring and Autumn.

